

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An e-mail distribution method for sending an e-mail with attachment files from a server apparatus to a communications terminal, the method comprising:
 - an obtaining step of obtaining type information that identifies a type of an attachment file that a user of the communications terminal desires to receive;
 - a storing step of storing the type information in a memory of the communications terminal;
 - a generating step of generating, by the communication terminal upon receipt of an arrival notice from the server apparatus, a request for the email destined for the communication terminal, the request including data indicating the type information stored in the memory;
 - a sending step of sending the request that includes the data indicating the type information to said server apparatus from the communications terminal;
 - a receiving step of receiving the type information in the server apparatus;
 - a step of determining, upon receipt of the request at the server apparatus, whether a type of an attachment file of an e-mail, which is destined for the communications terminal and received by the server apparatus, is identical to a type identified by the type information; and
 - a step of sending from the server apparatus to the communications terminal e-mail from which the attachment file is deleted, when the type of the attachment file of the e-mail is not identical to the type identified by the type information, and transferring the e-mail from the server apparatus to the communications terminal, when the type of the attachment file of the e-mail is identical to the type identified by the type information.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, where in said obtaining step the communications terminal displays types of available files used in the communications terminal

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the communications terminal further

includes detachable memory, and the method further comprising a storing step of receiving at the communications terminal email transmitted in said sending step and storing the attachment file of the received e-mail in said memory.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein in obtaining step information for identifying a type of attachment file which the user doesn't desire to receive is first obtained and then the type information is generated on the basis of information thus obtained.

6. (Previously Presented) A communications terminal comprising:
an obtaining means for obtaining type information that identifies a type of an attachment file which a user of the communications terminal desires to receive;
a memory that stores the obtained type information;
a generating means for generating, upon receipt of an arrival notice from said server apparatus, a request for an e-mail destined for the communication terminal, the request including data indicating the type information stored in the memory;
a transmitting means for transmitting the generated request that includes the data indicating the type information to a server apparatus; and
a receiving means for receiving an e-mail from the server apparatus.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The communications terminal of Claim 6, further comprising means for notifying types of available files used in the communications terminal to a user of the communications terminal.

9. (Original) The communications terminal of Claim 6, further comprising means for storing an attachment file of a received e-mail to a detachable memory.

10. (Previously Presented) The communications terminal of Claim 6, wherein said obtaining means receives information that identifies an extension of an attachment file which the user doesn't desire to receive, and generates the type information on the basis of information thus

received.

11. (Previously Presented) A server apparatus comprising:

means for transmitting an arrival notice to a communications terminal upon receipt of an email destined for the communications terminal;

means for receiving from a communications terminal a request requesting an e-mail destined for the communications terminal, the request including data indicating type information that identifies a type of an attachment file a user of the communications terminal desires to receive;

means for determining whether a type of an attachment file of the e-mail, which is destined for the communications terminal and received by the server apparatus, is identical to a type extracted from the information indicating the type information; and

means for sending to the communications terminal the e-mail from which the attachment file is deleted, when the type of the attachment file of the e-mail is not identical to the type identified by the type information, and transferring the e-mail to the communications terminal, when the type of the attachment file of the e-mail is identical to the type identified by the type information.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the request complies with GET method of HTTP and includes a CGI parameter representative of an extension of an attachment file which the user of the communications terminal wishes to receive.

14. (Previously Presented) The communications terminal of Claim 6, wherein the request complies with the GET method of HTTP and includes a CGI parameter representative of an extension of an attachment file which the user of the communications terminal wishes to receive.